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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully submitted. The present amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated February 16, 2005, in which claims 1-45 are pending. Claims 1-17, 21-39, and 43-45 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) and 35 USC 103. Claims 18-20 and 40-42 have been objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon rejected base claims but may be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Claims 1, 10, 16, 17, 23, 32, 38, 39, and 45 have been canceled. Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 11, 18, 21, 22, 24-26, 28, 29, 33, 40, 43, and 44 have been amended. The Applicants request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102(e) and 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1-6, 10, 16-17, 21-28, 32, 38, 39, 43, 44, and 45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Win et al. (U.S. Patent 6,453,353). Additionally, claims 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Win et al.

The Examiner has objected to claims 18-20 and 40-42 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. The Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions rendering the rejections under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 moot. The Applicants submit that claims 2-9, 11-15, 18-22, 24-31, 33-37, and 40-44 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

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